Construction Partnering Program (CPP)

What is the CPP

The Construction Partnering Program (CPP) is a tremendously successful endeavor that creates increased opportunities for women and entrepreneurs of color in the construction industry. The CPP began as an initiative in the City of Saint Paul and has expanded to other municipalities and private projects.

The CPP is composed of established and developing firms in the Twin Cities area, including representatives of the government and nonprofit sector. The goal of the CPP is to partner developing women - owned businesses and firms of color with larger, established corporations that can provide guidance, expertise and industry connections. The Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA) manages and facilitates the program along with the Association of Women Contractors.

Program Goals

- Develop ongoing, mutually beneficial partnerships between women and entrepreneurs of color and established firms.
- Provide access to projects and jobs for women and entrepreneurs of color.
- Build capacity in terms of revenue and employment.
- Increase the visibility of the CPP program in the Twin Cities area.

Key Benefits

The CPP provides partners with:

- Increased access and opportunities for learning.
- Expanded roster of subcontractors and other industry-related businesses while demonstrating leadership within their industry.
- Increased potential to bid on projects and jobs.
- Exponential growth as a business owner.
- Afforded opportunities to network with business throughout the construction industry.

MEDA's And AWC's Role

- Match established firms with developing entrepreneurs of color and women and help develop the partnering relationships.
- Provide business development services to the partners.
- Manage the monthly CPP meetings.
- Promote and grow the program.

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Past & Current Participants

Adolfson & Peterson Alexander's Mobility

Service

Anton Construction
Bald Eagle Erectors

Carciofini Co.

DelPrado Commercial

Flooring

Golden Valley Transfer Grand Building Supply

Hunt Electric Kraus-Anderson

Construction

M.A. Mortenson Company

M.C. Electric

McGough Construction

Mtec Electric

Parsons Corporation PCL Construction

Services

Reiling Construction Sowles Company

Stripe Right

Swanson Youngdale Target Commercial

Interiors

Tarraf Construction
Thor Construction
Twin City Hardware
Urban Design
Perspectives
Veit Company

Some of the major projects involving CPP partnering relationships are:

Grand Casino - Hinkley Guthrie on the River

Heritage Park

Highway 494 Bridge Landmark Center Lawson Tower

Light Rail Transit Maintenance Station

Medtronic Corporate Campus

Midtown Exchange

Minneapolis Central Library

Minnesota Convention Center Expansion Project

Mystic Lake Casino Tower III Regions Hospital Expansion Science Museum of Minnesota Smith Avenue Parking Ramp

TCF Stadium Twins Stadium

University of Minnesota - Translational Research Facility

Wellstone Center Xcel Energy Center